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BRITAIN: ANNOUNCED

Continental Supplies On An Exchange Basis

London, July 1. Increasing supplies of some of Britain's scarcest commodities -- bacon, eggs, poultry, butter and lard-will flow to Britain from the Continent during the next three years in exchange for planes, trucks and machinery, as Britain slashes her dollar imports and cuts off completely the purchase of some goods from hard currency countries.

Climaxing his outline of this trend of events with the announcement of a virtually concluded trade agreement with Hungary and the prospect of an early agreement with Yugoslavia, the Food Minister, Mr John Strachey, emphasised to the House of Commons today how far Britain had already gone towards realising the essence of the Marshall plan whereby European countries should help each other to recovery.

Murder Five Vienna, July 1 The Ministry of the Interior announced today that five Austrians were killed within the

Border Gangs

past week by armed gangs of men crossing into Austria from Yugoslavia.

The Ministry communique said the latest Austrian victim was 17-year-old Franz Schigan, who "bled to death because his murderers would not permit by keeping their machine guns trained on the scene".

Two women, earlier reported wounded in another shooting incident on Friday night, have since died at the hospital.

Two Austrian border police were the other victims. The Austrian news agency APA reported that a gang of "White Guardista" had been caught in the area by British troops and charged with illegal possession of firearms.—United Press.

Explosion Kills 60

Italian Munitions Ship Exchequer, Mr Hugh Dalton, nuclear to Parliament that Bri-Blows Up

Jebetello, Italy, July 1. Sixty persons were killed instantly when the 6,431-ton munition ship, "Panigaglia," blew up at its anchorage two and a half miles from the port of Santo Stefano.

The police said the bulk of 330 tons of aerial bombs and artillery shells exploded at 9,50 a.m. rocking Santo Stefano. Smaller explosions continued throughout the morning, keeping rescue workers at bay. Some members of the Panlgaglia's crew were said to have been trapped in the stern of the demolished ship, which settled in shallow water by

were still unable to locate the miss- Yugoslavia and Ireland, and that ing men. The police said that the one of the most cheerful aspects of death toll might reach 75 by night- the negotiations with all countries; fall. The Panigaglia, operating as was that increased supplies of feed- | Ernest Bevin, announced that Bria munitions transport for the Italian army, was carrying salvage materials foods she most required. from the strategic base of Pantelleria, which is demilitarized under the terms of the peace treaty.

The explosion was the worst in Italian marine history since the end of the war. The first news of the explosion was flashed from a

Semaphore station. Crowds of volunteer rescue workers rushed from the port of Santo Stefano immediately after the minal" if a difference in political first explosion but were held back ideologies was allowed to stand in the (Continued on Page 4)

CRIM and gloomy are the only

EDITORIAL

"There is no greater contribution to be made to European reconstruction than the negotiation of these agreements, which fit admirably with the proposals of the United States Secretary of State, Mr George C. Marshall, that it would be on a coordinated programme of self-help that American aid would be based."

Speaking in the food debate only 24 hours after the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Hugh Dalton, had tain's dwindling dollar resources made it vital for her to curb con-1 sumer imports such as gasoline and newsprint, Mr Strachey had further

LESS FRUIT

Imports from the United States of canned fruits, fresh fruits, poultry and the like would have to stop. Pineapple and some of the so-called luxury fruits, much of which has been coming from the Azores and selling at high prices in the British retail market, would be cut because Britain could no longer afford the Portuguese currency to buy them. But Mr Strachey made it clear that he did not regard these cuts as any indication of a crisis of food supplies. He emphasised that the world food situation was slowly but surely improving and that Great ing stuffs would make available the however, that some foodstuffs like ment, fats and oils would be des-

MOSCOW NEGOTIATIONS Negotiations with Russia, he said,

perately short for some time to

were still in progress in Moscow. He warned that it would be "eri-(Continued on Page. 4)

being drawn upon much more

MARSHALL PLAN TALKS LATEST

Bidault Attempts To Reach Compromise

Paris, July 1. France tonight made a desp crate final bid to rescue the deadlocked Big Three Marshall Plan Foreign Ministers conference and pull Europe back from the brink of irrevocable division into rival East and West power blocs.

The Foreign Minister of France. M. Georges Bidault, made an Impassioned eleventh-hour appeal to the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, not to drive Europe into a final split and laid down a "last offer" compromise plan for European recovery aided by Ameri-

M. Bldault warned Mr Molotov that this was the Western Powers' last word and appealed to him to save the conference before it had to admit final defeat.

Naval rescue squads, including Britain was forging ahead with im- doctors from Rome, rushed to the proved trade relations with Den- the French compromise and presum- to study lits observations to the European set and was thereafter never serious- of 185 or under have qualified for The packed stadium check scene but by mid-afternoon they murk, Holland, Poland, Hungary, ably to obtain telephoned instructions from the Kremlin. BRITISH BACKING

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr tain would back the French to the hilt in the new compromise plan Mr Struckey did make it plain, and reiterated the British and French determination to forward a comprehensive European

American dollar nid. offered the conference a reprieve after it had been expected to break down today in final deadlock. After a quick glance at the

French plan, Mr Molotov remarked that it did not seem to differ much from the previous ones he had already turned down. Unless, there- European organisation to get the fore, he changes his mind radically necessary American aid and warned overnight, a definite break appeared that even if such an organisation likely tomorrow.

to meet Soviet objections that pre- coming. He said the European vious Western power proposals nations must remember the position would subject European countries of Congress and added, "It would be to foreign interference and infringe- vain to seek help unless a European ment of sovereignty, opened with effort is made. three paragraphs:

helping herself and developing her European nations in fighting Fasbasic production, after which Ameri- cism and militarism. can assistance would play a deci- "We still have a war to fight sive part in enabling her to continue against poverty and misery," he de-

sation should be set up as soon as possible to collect necessary information for the establishment of a programme indicating the means and needs of Europe.

The French document continuea: "The organisation shall include representatives of such European states as may desire to take part in its work. The organisation shall not intervent in the domestic affairs of development of European trade."

MAIN POINTS

Commanders in-Chief Germany and to obtain the friendly assistance of the United States in drawing up its report

Fifthly, sub-committees to be set up to deal with food and agriculture power, transport, Jaw material, equipment, iron and steel, with membership limited to the Three and three European countries most closely concerned with each subject. The co-operation have headquarters in Paris.

Mr Molotov asked for a 24-hour ganisation would be submitted for caused her to over-hit. The Ameri- efforts in the championship are over, built up an early lead on points by Nations in Geneva before its next by troubled. session on July 5.

> which M. Bidault himself presided, a losing battle against Margaret opened with presentation of the Osborne, who had a 0-2, 6-4 vic-French compromise plan. YES OR NO

General Marshall's requests to put without further delay, M. Bidault ninth game, but could not save the said that if the Marshall Plan were set. recovery programme financed by to have any hope of succeeding, it Two Australian pairs, one from would be necessary to let the United America and an Anglo-Australian arranged for November, or Decem-The French compromise plan States know not only the needs of combination will contest the semi- ber.—Reuter. the various European countries but finals of the men's doubles. In the efforts they were making to help top half Jack Kramer and Robert BOXING

that the Marshall Plan would infringing on the sovereignty European countries, M. Bidault said the French had never set up, a and Bill Sidwell, of Australia. were established there was no cer-The French pian, which sought tainty aid actually would be forth-

M. Bidault closed with an urgent An introduction asserting that appeal for European unity and re-Europe must begin recovery by called the co-operation of various

clared. "It should be faced in the A statement that a special organi- same spirit."-United Press.

MISSISSIPPI FLOODS

St Louis, July 1. Overnight torrential rains swelled the Mississippi River to a near alltime record crest here and all main the participants; it shall propose no levees, in this area crumbled before action that may be regarded as in- the onslaught of the raging water. fringing on their sovereignty or as The Red Cross sold that 8,500 being of a nature to affect desirable persons avore homeless in Missouri and Illinois including 5,500 in the immediate St Louis area. Corps of The main points of the plan in- engineers gave up their aight to save clude a co-operation committee, to the bluff enbankment south of Chesbe set up with instructions to pre- ter, Illinois, and said that two other nare before September I a report on levees across the river from St Louis Europe's means and needs over a have already breached. All persons period to be agreed on later.

Secondly, the report to be based leves were warned to leave at once. on voluntary information supplied School buses, namy trucks and who have been charging rents under levels and levels are levels and levels and levels are levels and levels and levels are by various European nations to relirond cars were moving people an agreement with Government, said Island in increasing numbers, will be Alderman 58). determine recovery possibilities and out ahead of overflows. The col- they contemplated no increase in affected if rates for overnight and the estimated amount and value of lapse of one lovee allowed the river charges "at this time." aid needed from outside Europe. to flow over the main freight yards Our board has made no final "We feel it is only fair for visitors and 417 (Pearce 127).

Thirdly, a committee to be com- of the Missouri-Pacific radicad. decision," the representative of one to help pay the cost of reliabilitating and 177 (Bloy 69). posed of representatives of the Big The town of Grand Ower, Illinois, group emphasised. "But if we do our buildings," one manager said. At Portsmouth: Hampshire drew Three and "certain other European was isolated by the high water, have to charge more eventually, re- The "gentleman's agreement" be- with Cambridge. University. Comcountries".

Fourthly, a committee to consult 40 foot—only three-teeths of a foot warning."

With all European countries except; below the all-time high of 1844—

First consideration is being given treats has been in effect since the for six (Rogers 103 not out)—Reu-

IN THE WORLD OF

WIMBLEDON

Von Nida Plays Superb Golf

The United States women players emulated the feat of their men and have three, Margaret Osborne, Louise Brough and Doris Hart, in the last four of the singles championships. The Empire slag is kept slying by the blonde South African, Sheila Summers, who created a surprise by beating the American Patricia Todd in straight sets and now opposes Margaret Osborne.

Miss Brough meets Miss Hart in the | Overseas' goifers occupied the | round, again in the third round for other semi-final, which should prove limelight in the second qualifying a count of five, and in the sixth one of the titbits of the champlen- round on the Hoylake and Arrowe round was on his back at the bell. ships and which might well produce Park course today.

For the Proprietor of

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST, LID.

girl, seeded No. 7, to account for the British tournments this season, set American player, seeded No. 4, who up a record for the altered Hoyhad, hitherto, not dropped a set. lake course with a brilliant round of but there was no fluke about the 69 to lead the qualifying field with Empire player's win by 7-5, 0-4. Mrs Todd is one of the hardest a round of 70 yesterday. hitters in the championships, but Mrs Summers did not allow this to holes at the Arrowe Park course in unsettle her and by dint of perfect 80 while returning 67-one shot outlength and accurate driving to the side the record set up yesterday- a chorus of boos from the packed American's backhand forced her

nto errors. The South African is normally a hard-court player and her performance on grass today was all the more notable.

ENGLISH GIRL'S EFFORT

It looked as if there might be a when Britain's leading player, the aggregate of 151. He had rounds of Associated Press. attractive Jean Nicoll Bostock, hitdisguising her pace, took the first set off Doris Hart at 6-4. Miss Hart, who had been over-hitting, found her best form in the second set and, tightening up her game as the English player tired, she took command to win by 4-6, 6-1, 6-2/ Mrs Bostock, however, gave one of for 149. her best displays.

in devastating mood against the when B. R. Kelly, of Easton, Nor-Australian, Nancye Wynne Bolton, wich, was knocked unconscious by winning 6-2, 6-3. The Australian, another competitor's ball and had and both men gave and took severe mittee and sub-committees would who is the British hard courts cham- to be rushed to hospital. The ball punishment. Famechon, one of three plon, was stroking as fluently as struck him between the eyes and "Fighting Famechon Brothers"; was Sixthly, the project of this or- usual, but Miss Brough's accuracy blood gushed from the wound. His inclined to fight while Monaghan

Britain's No. 2 player, Kay Stam-The hour and a half meeting, over | mers Menozies, was always fighting tory. The lefthanded English player made a spirited rally in the second Warning Mr Molotov that a yes set after being 0-4 and 2-5 down. fulfil or no decision was essential She saved four set points in the

Falkenburg, of America, meet Geoff Replying to Mr Molotov's charges Brown and Colin Long, of Australia, while in the bottom half John Bromwich and Dinny Pails, of Australia, will play Tony Mottram, of Britain,

Record Kound

Championship

Hoylake, July 1.

Most of the fancled competitors, including the formidable Americans Johnny Bulla, Ghezzi and Frank Stranahan, qualified for the event proper in the British Open golf champion here today.

Norman Von Nida, of Australia, Few expected the South African who has been consistently winning a total of 139 for 36 holes. He had

Johnny Bulla did the first nine and finished third three strokes Olympia Stadium. In tears in his

second with an aggregate of 141. PLAYER KNOCKED OUT

England the day before the cham- Anderson had knocked down the pionship started and did not have champion four times. A majority time for practice on the courses, of London boxing writers at that surprise in another quarter-final just managed to qualify with an time said it was Anderson's fight,— 70 and 72, while the other American, ting a brilliant length and cleverly Frank Stranahan, did well with rounds of 71 and 73 for an aggregato

> Henry Cotton, the favourite, finished on the 146 mark with rounds of 74 and 72. F. Van Donck, of Belgium, who recently reached the final of the big British professional tournament, also qualified with 78 and 71

There was an unfortunate in-Louise Brough, seeded No. 2, was cident on the Arrowe Park course

the champion proper, which begins tomorrow over 72 holes.-Reuter.

RYDER CUP DECISION

London, July 1. Budley, President of the Cricket Results American Professional Golf Association, has cabled the British Professional Golfers Association regretting his inability, to stage Ryder Cup match between professional golfers of America and Britain in America as originally NOTTS GAME fessional golfers of America and

Phillips Wins On A Foul

Retains Empire Title

London, July 2. Al Phillips retained his British Empire featherweight championship on Tuesday night when Cliff Anderson, British Guiana negro, was disqualified for a foul blow in the eighth round. Phillips weighed 125% an hour and a half and took two and Anderson 123.

Four times Phillips was knocked down in the fast fight in , which Vic Anderson was the early round the champion was warned about

> Two hard rights to the body floored Phillips twice in the second

No Increase in Hotel Rent Rates For Time Being

Persons who have to live in who must occupy hotel rooms behotels because of the housing cause no other accommodation is at not out).

At Tunbridge Wells: Sussex bent shortage face no immediate An increase in translent, rates is Kent by six wickets. Kent 149 and prospect of an increase in room probable, their comments indicated, 250. Sussex 126 and 283 for four rents, a Telegraph inquiry in- but "we want to hold the line as far (Langridge 138 not out). diented today.

provisionally, Spain, and with the United Press. permanent residents of the Colony buildings were de-requisitioned. I ter.

as Hongkong residents are concern-Managers, of six European-type against."

"Our board has made no final "We feel it is only fair for visitors and 417 (Pearce 127). Oxford 294

But it was not all Anderson's fight.

The negro was knocked down onco in the third round, lost the fourth, and was far less aggressive in the eighth when, after a sharp melee, Phillips half turned, clutched his back and fell writhing to the canvas. He claimed he had been hit in the

The referee, Andrew Smith, immediately disqualified Anderson to dressing room, the negro swore he Arthur Lees, of Dore and Totley, didn't foul Phillips and said that with rounds of 71 and 70, was he would leave for home by plane on Sunday.

Phillips beat Anderson on March Vie Ghezzi, who only arrived in 18 on a disputed verdict after

Irishman Beats Frenchman

London, July 2, Rinty Monaghan, Irish flyweight champion, beat Emile Famechon of France, on points over 10 rounds at Olympia Stadium, London, Tuesday Famechon weighed 11214 pounds and Monaghan 113.

The bout was fast and hard fought,

The packed stadium enecred the verdict. Monaghan responded with an Irish song and jig.—Associated Press.

Africans 365.

RAIN RUINS

Nottingham, July 1, Overnight and morning rain limited cricket to two and three quarter hours here today and all interest went out of the game between Notts and the South Africans, which ended in a draw. The final scores were: Notis 324 and 164 for six wickets. South

When play did commence, Notis were safe from defeat, but their batamen refused to take any chances and the cricket was extremely dull. Harris and Simpson; who each scored 51, occupied an hour and three quarters over the second wicket stand of 00, even though South Africa's main bowlers were being rested.

Mitchell, who has seldom bowled on the four stayed on for nearly wickets, while Payn in one spell took three wickets for four runs in five overs.

Deputising for Ovensione, who aggressor and twice in the first round | hos, an injured finger, Fullerton had a good session behind the arumps, nelping to dismiss three batsmen/-Router.

COUNTY MATCHES

London, July, I. The results of firstclass cricket matches which ended today were: At Manchester: Lancashire beat Leicestershire by five wickets, Leicestershire 141 and 289. Lanca-

At Derby: Derbyshire beat ed. We realise what they are up Glamorgan by four wickets. Glamor-

At Lords: M.C.C. beat Oxford University by 71 runs. M.C.C. 125

alow rate of post-war recovery in Europo and Asia," he said, "a

adjectives which can properly describe Dr Hugh Dalton's announcement to the House of Com-

Britain Has To Take It

mons on Monday. Slashes in certain imports are serious enough, but more ominous was the hint that Britons may have to suffer further cuts in rationed foodstuffs. Only the most optimistic will derive encouragement from Dr Dalton's declaration that "food, raw materials and machinery must have first place in our import programme." This is an assertion of policy, which, while sound enough, holds out little hope of practical accomplishment to a degree that will permit Britons ... to escape new restrictions. The onlooker, as much as the Englishman at home, will feel bewildered by this turn of events. Tho general impression gained was that Britain had experienced the worst and that better times were ahead. The sombre speech by the Chancellor of the Exchequer replaces expectation with disillusionment. The Cause? Many will be only too ready to accept the superficial explanation that it is a natural - product of Socialism. but the Chancellor's own, words. suggest a more accurate estimation. "Owing to a serious rise in world prices of food and raw materials, and the disappointing severa shortage of dollars is making liself felt in almost all parts of the world. In particular our own line of credit under the Angle-American loan agreement is to take it.

rapidly than we expected. It is our clear duty to take further steps to close the gap between our necessary "imports and exports especially to hard currency areas." In effect this means that only one country-the United States-possesses dollar wealth. It also implies that America is not quite sure how to make the best use of such an invidious position. Her production is greater than ever before, but her normal markets are disappearing. If she gives dollars away she runs the risk of having them returned: to her in the form of harsh competition. If she allows her eustomers to languish in economic miscry she cannot dispose of surpluses and thus ... she faces the prospect of a slump with its altendant ovils of unemployment and lowered living standards. This Sconomic roundahout appears to be uncontrollable. It has been suggested that America is prepared to Join with Britain and the Commonwealth in some form of global economic collaborationthe Marshall Plan can, perhaps, be regarded as the first overlure. But Dr Dalton's announcement lends colour more to the bellef that Britain has decided to work out her own salvation as far ans she possibly can. Hence, a policy of more restrictions in imports and accelerated production to enable increased experts. The sum total means a new and unpleasantly austero way of life for the Briton at home, and the reall-

sation that this time Britain IIAS

had news for the average Briton.





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After many years of chainsmoking, he considers he can't afford it any more. He might have scraped along if the standard rate of income tax had been reduced.

But he feels that income tax, except in the lowest income groups. will never be reduced now. A Chancellor of the Exchequer is a ment who squeezes you till you squeal!

As the English hardly ever squeal, they will be squeezed dry. They will end up a nation of half-dead mediocrities because there will be no encouragement to be anything else. But the Chancellor of the Exchequer will be a success. What else matters?

Old Moore Gubbins offers these terrible prophecies. To make them worse, he would like to remind you that he is more often right than

Hold tight, everybody. Here we

Moore Gubbins can see millions of entertainment tax. But nobody men with brooms in their hands sweeping thousands of miles of road.

reduced to a common level by taxation. Therefore most sensible people want to do as little as possible, with the least possible mental effort, for the national minimum wage of £3 a week.

Anything earned over £3 a week goes straight to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, so there is no point in earning it unless you are a natural busybody and fussybreeches, bossing people around for the sheer love of bossing people around.

of some kind, though some of the more thoughtful ones are beginning to wonder if it wouldn't be nicer to be one of the road-sweepers, with no appearances to keep up and a mind free of worry.

In the Inland Revenue department, and collectors of income tax are and clubs he knew.

PAUL

HOLT

R DICKSON WRIGHT, the

has been talking about his

method of making people

happy. He opens up their skulls

and disconnects the fifth of their

a state of cow-like contentment.

sufferers from restless, irrational

misery, the kind of people who are

for ever accusing themselves of

outrageous sins, or are convinced

however, does little more than most

people nowadays contrive to do for

By handing over their lives to

nchieve a kind of browsing peace

in which they do endless crossword

Women's logic?

THREE women and two men

A were sitting round my fire, talk-

ing about murder. All agreed that

capital punishment is barbaric and

should be abolished at, once.

the fact secondary ..

puzzles and radio quizzes.

Dickson Wright's scalpel,

they suffer a malignant disease.

themselves.

This operation is reserved for

brains, sending them away

famous brain surgeon,

Fence by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

applying for a job of road-sweeping, which is now the most popular occupation in the country.

But there are not enough roads, or even brooms, to go round. So they must wait their turn, sending out demand notices to the few fools. who are still earning £3 a week.

No entertainment

So, cigarette starved and savage, TVEN the Chancellor Exchequer is looking a bit worried. He has almost taxed himself out of existence. He can't add anything more to income tax and, as there are no luxuries, he can't tax those. He is becoming redundant.

Looking some years shead, Old cinemas bringing in a revenue of wasting their time. writes or produces plays or films any more. And nobody would This is because incomes have been dream of acting in them for £3 a week. They would rather sweep

> The only people who would act in a play, if they could find a good author to write one for £3 week, would be amateurs. But as amateurs entertain themselves their nudlences, few people would want to see them.

As for the malio, nobody listens to it now. They can't even find All the chief busybodies and anybody to read the news for 23 fussybreeches are heads of Govern- a week-that is, not when they ment departments or civil servants can get the same wages for sweeping the roads.

> Radio comedians have offered the Government a few old jokes for the money, but as nobody will buy a radio set, or even a licence, their generous offer is refused.

where there is hardly anything to Looking along the roads full of do because 90 per cent. of the road-sweepers getting in each population refuse to earn more than other's way. Old Moore Gubbins £3 a week, thousands of inspectors searches for the hotels, restaurants

Ihinking

pumbified for murder even if the wife

rather than as a social safeguard.

This explains, I do not doubt,

fused and irrational verdicts from destroyers.

why we sometimes have such con-

mixed juries. It also confirms a

need I have always thought press-

rights, duties and functions of citi-

zenship for everybody before they

Fishy evidence

RAMOPHONE records made in

cackle, squeal, grunt and honk.

Scientists noted that for half an

hour each day, generally towards

evening, they made five times their

normal noise and they concluded

Why do you laugh?

Enter any restaurant and you will

But all at once it struck me that I Some fearful fellow was being the Ministry of Food, I am con-

there was the oddest division of funny. You could hear when he vinced that however many rats his

argument between the sexes. For was being funny by a funny little jolly men may kill, he will kill or

the men, the act of murder required gurgle he gave. It set me wonder- mangle, torture or abuse more punishment, so that society may be ing. Do comics know why they English words before he is done.

protected. For the women, the de- are funny? They know what Rodent Operators, indeed! Why

they were then feeding.

hear how right they are.

sire to murder was all important, makes people laugh, surely, but do not "Thoroughfare ...

they know why?

ing-a form of questionnaire on the

does not die.

jury box.

the State and their children to the Geep water in the Atlantic

juvenile delinquent officer they prove that fish can talk. They

soldier returns from the war and are usually stupid and greedy

But if a man plans to murder his that to them an audience laughing

wife and offers her poisoned is like a drug and they will do

The women, as you see, regarded done by the simple method

go to a polling booth or enter a to the nation, a doughty and

WAS listening to the 'radio: brochure, "Rodent Mail," issued by

the law as a moral instrument, breaking the pattern of living.

finds his wife unfaithful, the pro- people who lose all sense

vocation to violence is irresistible restraint and decency as soon

chocolates, then he should be anything to get more of it.

They are all gone. Nobody can afford to patronise them at £3 a week, even if anybody could afford to run' them.

ment restaurants, because every- Even when the Chancellor of the body gets exactly the same rations Exchequer reduced the price, hoping at exactly the same price. There to collect more revenue to balance are no extra rations for restaurants his Budget once again, mobody because we cannot buy any food would buy them. They had lost from abroad, road-sweeping being the taste. so unproductive.

there. And so are the old books, pubs closed because nobody could No new books have been written afford to run them. Besides, why for many years. The labour of should a brewer brew beer for £3 writing books is too great for the a week? small reward, though, of course, He remembers the good old days enthusiastic amateurs have tried to when there were theatres and write some for the sheer joy of

> to write about but road-sweeping cinemas, no radio and nothing and road-sweepers-poor material talk about. for the romantic novelist or anybody else. 1 1

There are very few policemen; busybody who "always wanted and the few look sullen and envious. After all, why be a policeman, with a chance of being newspaper or write for one at £3 shot up by a murderer, when you a week; and whatever 'newspaper' again. I shall never forget how can be a happy road-sweeper for men may be, they are certainly not Sonia Tumbelova, clutching the the same money?

There were very few buses, too, work compared with broom pushing and partly because there is nowhere for anybody to go except home.

And the majority of the population, the road-sweepers, live within walking distance of their homes.

There are no taxis. -of course. Nobody wants to go anywhere and

Very well, then. Why does an

audience laugh? I believe it

Mr Kavanagh's "Bood-Gve!"

custard pie in the face, the paradox,

break it. Comics are the great

Mr Pied Piper

TITE have among us a great man.

W He is Pied Piper in ordinary

romantical fellow by the name of

W. McAuley Gracie. He is our

wily strategist; a great slayer of

And what does he .. call himself?

He devises wicked, irresistible

Director of Infestation Controll

schemes by which his fine human

army may sneak up on the rat hosts

And what does he call them?

Having read his tasteful little

champion, a cunning general,

rats and mice.

to annihilate them.

Rodent Operators.

Why not "Garbage Agents?"

did. Trains are almost useless to people who have no incentive to

But there are a few goods trains, though nobody wants to drive them.

There are a few minurs, producing coal by new methods; but mining, even when it becomes easy, is so unpopular compared with the carefree, open-air occupation of roadsweeping, that miners have to be kept in the mines by force.

No luxuries

LL luxuries have disappeared. Cigarettes, for instance, went There are not even any Govern- out of fashion after the 1947 Budget.

Drinking went out of fashion But the old bookshops are still when the restaurants, clubs and

So, for the population generally, It is like being in prison. No smoking, no drinking, the same dlet, the same job, the same road-Besides, there is hardly anything sweeper's uniform, no theatres, no

> Oh, and no newspapers, but Government sheet, produced with great effort by a bewildered little

Only a fool would produce fools. So they are road-sweepers.

No column

OLD MOORE GUBBINS can see partly because bus-driving is hard Commotion among the massed like a stevedore. Her mother, a road-sweepers.

> One of them, a vigorous old man who seems to be enjoying his work, is approached by a little busybody be made to look a fool?" "My dear in a pin-striped sult.

> at him and threatens to sweep him against the scenery or swung round into the gutter with his broom. tyne is the old road-sweeper?

Why, it is Old Moore Gubbins him- I he outcome nobody could afford a taxi if they self. And who is the little busy- THE widow was about to go when body? He is the editor of the L the manager said, somewhat It seems that nobody will buy the Government sheet, although the

> It at the national minimum wage. After six months trying to

columnist has gone raving mad and The women argued thus: If a I doubt it. I believe that comics. the editor is desperate.

Will Old Moore Gubbins come off as the road and write a column and society should forgive him, they hear the first laugh. I believe again?

Will be hell?

old man shouts, he is fine. His U Crowborough dug up a pointo health is better because he can't last week and noticed that it was smoke cigarettes. He always shaped exactly like a lighthouse. funcied road-sweeping as he never | Two men in long flannel overwanted to use his mind. And what's the point in using it when the in the Town Hall at Miffham. Each Government takes all your money?

"It were that there man Dalton what started 'it all with his 1947 Budget," shouts the old fellow, with a telescope a woman named sweeping the editor into the gutter. Clough swallowed, a large fly. It "Let him write ee a funny column, went on buzzing until she thought He were always laughin at nothin." It was the telephone.

mar for half by done and little field warm and the ann

'You're looking more like your father every day!"

by Beachcomber MRS WRETCH has a fine idea. She wants to raise

the school-leaving age to 30. Her critics retort. "What about the crisis in man-power?" "Exactly," says she. "If the millions of workers have the status of schoolboys, they will be subject to school discipling. That means that the schoolmasters, who will be civil servants, will have power to direct the labour of their pupils as the Government thinks fit. In time the nation would become one vast happy, hardworking school."

Not in the script READ that "Nina Tarakanova

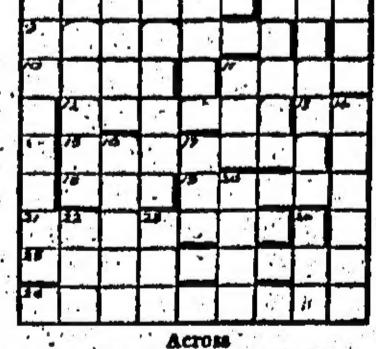
will bring the final curtain down with a spirited folk-dance." Let her take care to be well clear of the cuttain when they raise it lowered curtain and gasping for breath at the end of her leap-frog dance in "Le baiser du concierge," was whisked up with it and took her call in mid-air kicking her legs and roaring at the stage manager widow, was round early the next day. "Do you think," sold she, "I let my daughter go into ballet to madam, they all look fools." "Yes, but I mean-hanging on to a cur-The little busybody is pleading thin and kicking out like that." with the old man, who shouts insults "If it isn't that it's being thrown like a sack of meal," said the

inconsequently, "Shall we dance?" "Dance?" gasped the widow. And at that moment the secretary put editor has persuaded an enthusiastic on an old gramophone record, and amateur to write a funny column for encircled the widow's waist and murmuring, "I thought you meant ballet," she glided into the middle of the office floor. "I-but-really, I feel such a fool dancing round funny-about nothing, the amateur like this," she said, "and in an office, too." The manager's luke--warm-breath-syas-on-her-ear-as-hereplied. "I adore you." "Don't be so absurd," pouted the widow.... Gentle reader, treasured readerkin, a morriage has been arranged.

All over the place For the first time in his life, the TISING a pickaxe, a native of coals threw bectroot at each other claimed that the bestroot belonged

> to the other. While trying to uncork a bottle

21. One way the cat lies; for a good atretch no doubt. (7) 25. Disinclination. (9) 26. Captivates on the way in 7 (9)



Across

20. Deportment in a mine. (6)

1. You can say it's wooful. (6)

22. Hutton to his friends. (3)

6. There may be points to this 23. This gang is a jackdaw. (2)

attempt. (3)

D. Make it a name. (7) 10. You may not know to but 11. 8.0.8 (4) 12. It's a small hawk: (6) 13. Exists. (2) 15. Int. 18. It's not true. (3) 19. One of the U.S.A. (6)

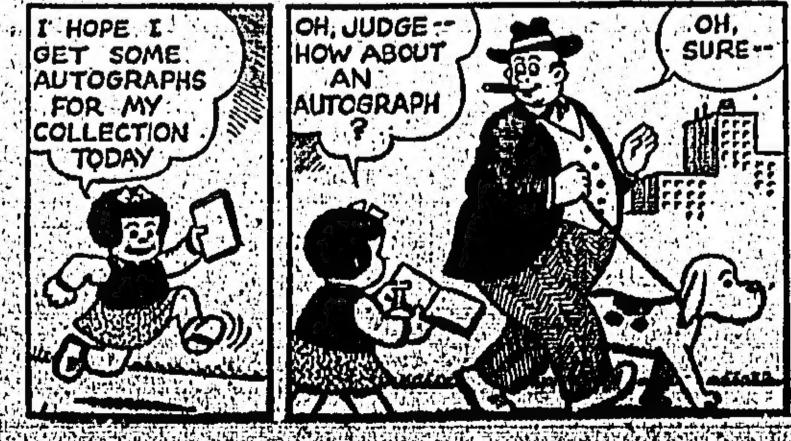
but less than twenty, (5) 8. What any dog will do for back 11. Get thee hence | (3)
14. Figures that suggest allence to monkeys. (8) Decay. (8)

1. Worker. (B)
2. Might possibly say I'm Alan (6)

3. The distance favoured by Emil

4. Reappear after being hidden, (d)

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"How can superfluous hair be removed from the face at home? Professionally?"

pilatory in persistent home treatments. Professional treatments by Frequent shampoos are necessary. an acknowledged specialist in electrolysis. Even this is not always permanent in results.

"How can sears, dark birthmarks and blamishes be concealed?" Answer. By the use of a covermark foundation. Selected for skin

tone and blended smoothly, the sears or birthmarks cannot be seen. It is a great boon to many unhappy people. Try this if you have a scar or virthmark of any kind. "Is it in good taste for men to use

perfume?" Answer. Pungent, fresh-smelling colognes, toilet waters, shave letions and perfumes are created especially

> Minute Makeys 4 GABRIELLE



· Let your makeup create the IIlusion of Loveliness! That's all that it is for, really. Beauty tricks with makeup go a long way toward creating the illusion of beauty, "Lift" a sagging chin by using a darker foundation on the lower half of the face, but blend skillfully! Make a big mouth look smaller by lipsticking the center richly and fading it out toward the corners.

for men. It is in excellent taste

(and emall!) for men to use them. "Is dipstick drying?" Answer. I have never found it so in my years of use and experimentation. Lipstick is really protective

as well as beautifying. "Must hair be cut to make it grov luxuriously?"

Answer. No. Look at the baldheaded men-they cut their hair! Cutting the ends of a woman's hair makes it lock better and gets rid of broken ands. Massage, brushing and cleanliness-these are MUSTS. Answer. By the use of a wax de- A good cintment to massage into the scalp is important in hair care.

And physical well-being affects the

health and beauty of the hair.

Nylon Has Come To Stay

Up till now in Britain nylon has been associated in people's minds with parachutes, stock ings and tooth brushes. But in the 18 months of postwar production in the United Kingdom evolved.

tractive nightdresses and lingeric terest of five percent, has grown to and also children's wear in the new \$3,000,000. The tribe still owns open-knit nylon fabric which wears go well, washes so easily and needs no ironing. Nylon voile also makes | Indians cultivate another 40,000. attractive Ilngerie, practical because of nylon's extra strength. The same and sale of produce, the Blackfeet hard-wearing quality gives extra length of life to corsets in nylon satin and not.

Besides being strong, nylon yarn is extraordinarily light in weight, and makes featherlight swim suits and-rainceats-which-pack-intosmall space. Nylon also makes umbrellas, classic black for men flowered and gaily-coloured for

There are plenty of other things for men, too-tles, sports shirts underwear, epol to wear and easy to wash, and handsome nylon dressing gowns. Besides clothes, there are nylon fishing lines, spinning lines and tapered fly lines. There are ropes,

webbing and tyre-cord. Nylon gloves are made from knitted nylon fabrics. There are nylon shoes-besides stockings in new 15 and 20 denier yarn, finer than ever before. The list is almost endless. Add to this that besides all its

other qualities nylon resists moths and mildew, and it will be seen that nylon has come to stay as one of the most important textile fibres.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



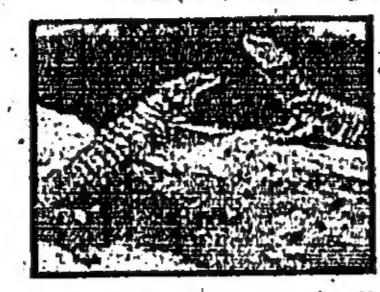
and nall with Johnny, and now her voice drips maple

Egypt Is Refuge For Fallen Royalty

Egypt today is the land where Europe's former monarchs while away their throneless and declining years. Most of the members of three former ruling families are there, and a fourth-Peter II of Yugoslavia—foreign circles say, has been invited to make his home in this ancient land.

A RAW DEAL FOR THE TWINS

Now in 'nursery



The Zonure twins are "small

The twin armoured lizards known as Lord Derby's zonures, born at the London Zoo reptile house three there. weeks ago, have been taken from their parents' cage and put in a special !'nursery".

Reason: In the parental eage the bables were not getting a "square

The zonures' cage contains a dozen of these spiny African lizards, and as the reptiles are surprisingly fleet of foot they mopped up most of the mediworms and files which form their main diet long before the less active twins could get at them. about this: these reptiles have no protective instinct towards their

offspring, which have to fend for

themselves from the start.

MP's ENVY BLACK FEET INDIANS

Alberta, Gleichen, prosperous that their lot drew here. the envy of several members at a recent meeting of the Joint Canadian Parliamentary Committee on Indian Affairs.

The Blackfeet, now approximately 1,000 strong, gave up, by a treaty many other uses have been in 1907, 160,000 neres of their rich black Alberta soil for a substantial payment. The payment, on which Busy women will welcome at- the Dominion Government pays in-178,000 acres, of which 12,160 acres are leased to "white" farmers, while

Out of its income from trust funds annually spend \$30,000 on administration, \$25,000 on road and irrigation developments and over a period of 30 years have completed a \$500,-000 housing project.

Rations of meal, soap, tea, flour and rice are provided as a statutory right, newly-married couples receive allowances for home furnishings and aged members of the tribe are supplied with clothing extra rations and financial assistance.

Officials say that a whole generation has grown up with nearly complete social security and the problem officially advised not to make a choice highest quality, but the sack of individuals and create within the to prepare for both. POSTSCRIPT: of living.

The testimony before the Committee led one member to plead: "If you hear of any vacancies in the band, just let me know!"

ROBBED SO HE COULD STUDY

He robbed small loan companies to finance his studies for said he stowed away at Belfast, a master's degree.

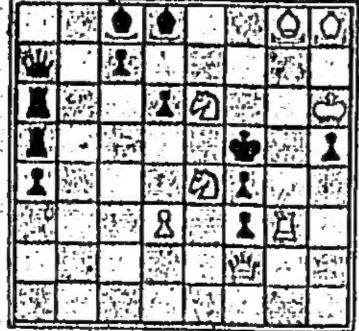
That was the story that Ralph. Burde, 31, told the judge in a Chicago criminal court as he pleaded guilty to five charges of armed

Although he had been receiving a fellowship at the University of Chicago, the money was not enough to carry him.

His plea for probation was turned down. He was sentenced to four to eight years in the penitentlary. "I had a blameless record up to the time of these offences," Burde told the police.—United Press.

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. J. FINK Black, 12 pleces



White, 8 pieces

White to play and mate in two. Solution to yesterday's pro-1; Q-B3; threat; 2, K-B2. 1 ... Kt-Ktg. P-B5; 2, B-B3 (ch);

1 . . K-Bs; 1, Kt-Qt (ch);

King Farouk I, like his father King Fund, who brought Italian architects to Egypt to build with Italian marble some of the country's most modern buildings, has extended a welcoming hand to fallen royalty. Nearly all members of Italy's house of Savoy and many of their top followers are in the country. Italian, as before the

Alexandria. In a flowery villa on the outskirts of Alexandria, Victor Emmanuel and name "Count Pollenzo," spends with the rate of destruction by much time fishing as he did off the coast of Naples during his last years fire.

exclusive sections of Cairo and

Their son, Umberto, Maly's last King, who lives in a mearby, modest villa, told the Associated Press that the old King and Queen are well. Others who have seen Victor Emanuel said that the 77-year-old former monarch is active and quick to break anto a cackling and somewhat brittle laughter.

Not Friends

But, they said, it is not true that he and ex-King Zog of Albania Nor did the parent zonures worry whom the Italians ousted in 1939 have become companions. They never see each other.

Zon and his wife, once an American citizen, divide their time between Cairo and Alexandria, going to the latter place—as do wealthy Egyptians to escape the desert heat.

Umberto, now known as Count Zara, went to Egypt from Portugal to visit his parents and aftend the wedding of his niece, Princess Victoria Calvi di Bergolo, to Count Guglielmo Guarienti di Brenzone, 28year-old Malian nobleman who fled materials during the war that house from Italy during the war.

The young couple has returned to Italy, but Calvi di Bergolo, nis wife, The Blackfeet Indians at Yolanda of Savoy, and the other are so members of their family remain

> Also in Egypt are the former Queen of Bulgaria and widow of King Boris, Giovanna of Savoy, and her son, the 10-year-old ex-King Simcon II of Bulgaria. They live in have disclosed, is a common pracan Alexandria hotel.

From Here And There:

GAMBLER'S DISMAY

pawnshop, the refuge of thousands of ber in any one month to date. Total cleaned-out gamblers, was burgled fire loss for 1946 was more than in broad daylight recently of piedged \$2,000,000. lewellery worth 2,000,000 francs. Thieves opened iron grids with keys during the lunch-time closing from noon to two o'clock. They cut showcase containing jewels with diamonds, extracted the booty and vanished without trace.

DECIDE, LADIES!

Boston.—University girls are being now is to develop the Blackfeet as between marriage or a career, but tribe a desire to raise the standard For the first time in America there are now more women than men.

LIFE AND SOUL

Capetown.—The life and soul aboard the immigrant ship Winchesfrom England, was Andrew Conner, aged 19 and Irish. He organised games, sang at concerts and was popular with all. But in Table Bay it was found that Andrew was a stowaway who had slept in a lifeboat and dined in the saloon. He walked from Liverpool, and sauntercd abourd the Winchester Custle with no trouble at Southampton, A longway from Tipperary, Andrew is now in the lock-up.

THEIR REASON Moscow.—The only reason why Russia is not attending the Geneva Trade Conference, says New Times, is because "the problems discussed there do not directly concern us owing to the state monopoly of our

says that world trade is one-sided and insecure. The U.K., U.S.A., and Canada have 50 percent of world exports, against 30 percent before the Mussachusetts. war, and in 1946 the U.S.A. exported twice as much as she imported. ONE OR THE OTHER Washington.-The reason that all

according to Herbert Heover, the the only way for them to get away from it all. Said he: There are only two occasions when Americans respect privacy-praying and fish-



FIRES KEEP BURNING MANILA ANEW

Although reconstruction in Elena live quietly. The former Although reconstruction in Queen is seldom seen in public, but war-ravaged Manila is in full

> For the six-month period starting November of last year, Manils averaged two fires a day. And thus, for every building that went up, one went down.

> According to a Manila Fire Department officials, the high number of fires in the city is aftributable to the following factors:

> 1. Laxity in granting building permits. Manifa is in such dire need of reconstruction that Public Works officials often grant permits to individuals where plans are not up to standard, Furthermore, some unscrupulous building inspectors recommend the approval of applicablons whose owners are willing to pay "coffee money." Such buildings, when completed, are usually poten-

Inferior Materials

tial fire hazards.

2. Inferior building materials and equipment. Manila was so depleted of lumber and other building builders have to content themselves with whatever materials they can get. While new imports have been pouring into the islands, because of high prices most house builders resort to cheaper, home-made pro-

3. Arson. Setting fire to highly insured buildings. Investigations tice in Manila, a Fire Department official said. He added, however, that due to the intricacies of the Philippine arson law, many culprits have escaped arrest and prosecu-

The enormous increase since the war is emphasised by the fact that the total fire loss in Manila in January 1947, was equal to fire loss for the whole year of 1941-\$350,000. There were 99. ares during the Nice.-Monte Carlo's fashlonable | month of March, the highest num-

> The average Manila fireman receives a monthly basic salary of US\$50. He may receive US\$17.50 more-in-the-form-of-a-bonus-forservice; / rendered.

Out-Dated Appliances

Prewar fire engines and fire fighting equipment were of the Mantla left it nothing but a few out-dated fire engines. These, plus low water pressure in the city. hamper the work of combatting

The United States Army has contributed greatly in equipping the ter Castle, which docked recently Fire Department, but it is still in need of better and more engines and

> The Fire Department last month held a fire provention compaign. -No decrease in fires, however, has been noted to date.—United Press.

FLIGHT SAFETY DEVICE

Ceilometers, electronic devices which provide weather data: as a flight-safety aid by measuring accurately and continually the distance from foreign trade which is an unshake- ground to clouds, are being Table element of our system. Izvestla produced for both Army and Navy at the General Electric Company's plant in West Lynn,

The cellometer consists of a pulsating light device which throws beam, invisible to the human eye American presidents take up fishing, during daylight, vertically into the sky. A detector unit, placed 1,000 only living ex-president, is that it is. feet from the projector, detects the so-called "scatter energy" produced on cloud layers above. The information is transmitted to a recording device, and can be relayed to a pilot in short order.—United Press.

Rupert and the Young Imp-7



Rupert doesn't wait to be helped out of the tree, but jumps down With something in his arms, "Look, Daddy, two beautiful big apples," he cries. "They must have been hanging there since last autumn. I wonder how we managed to miss them." His father takes one and. stares at it in smarement. This isn't a last year apple" he says at length. "It isn't shrivelied. It's smooth and newly grown! And yet it can't be, Apples don't come at the same tene as the blossom!



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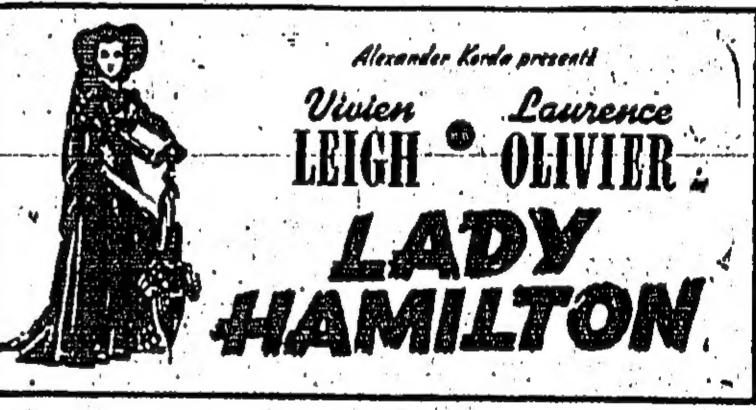
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United States Not Seeking To Dominate Others, Says Marshall

Washington, July 1. General George C. Marshall, Secretary of State, today branded as "fantastic misrepresentation and malicious distortion" the propaganda assertions that the United States has imperialistic aims or is attempting to enforce political and economic domination in its schemes for aiding Europe.

Angrily attacking what he termed the "purposeful misrepresentation" of the degree and purpose of American economic assistance, he declared in a speech to the Women's National Press Club here: "Those responsible for this misrepresentation are doing a grave disservice to the suffering peoples whose future depends directly on the success of international co-operation in the economic field."

Gen. Marshall made no direct rent Paris meeting or to the course cious distortion of the truth than the Marshall plan, but there was the implication that the United little doubt about his target States has imperialist aims, or that been more criticism than an- order to fasten on the recipients preciation of American aid so some form of political and economic

Proving Something Or Other

Hollywood, July 1. Movie music composer Albert Glasser revealed today that guinea pigs which listen to swing tunes reproduce faster than those who hear classics, He said that as an experiment, he played swing music to one pair of guinea pigs four hours daily for five months. They had 10 offspring. He served classical music to

another pair. Their reproduction was a modest two. Glasser cautioned: "I draw no conclusions; I only state the facts."---United Press-

YUGOSLAV **PROTEST**

The Yugoslav Ambassador in London tonight protested to the Foreign ing from yesterday's Big Three Office about "unauthorised flights of meeting. some British aircraft" over Yugoslav territory coming in from Austria. bassador, would not disclose details reconstruction of Europe, and also of the note until the British Foreign perhaps at what is considered here by the military police.—Reuter. Office has had time to study it.

to bad weather conditions. "I would like to direct your at-Austrian frontier. In such cumstances I must emphasise that the Government of Federal Peoples Republic of Yugoslavia will not leave the slightest doubt that it must disown all consequences arising from this situation," he stated.—Reuter.

Bank Strike Ends

Paris, July 1. The strike of French bank employees ended today when the strike committee decided by 30 votes against seven to accept the new proposals offered by the Government. Work was being resumed in most banks this afternoon.—Reuter.



"There could be no more fantasreference to Russia, to the cur- tle misrepresentation, no more malihe said that there had American aid had been offered in has ordered the concentration

> At the same time, however, insisted: "It is incorrect to say that mobilisation. .. people of this country make no demands regarding the utilisation of their contribution to world recovery. "They emphatically demand that

whatever they contribute shall be effectively used for the purpose for which it was intended, that it should not be expended to serve selfish comomic or political interests, and that it should be employed specifical ly to assist in economic rehabilitation; finally that it should serve a great purpose in restoring hope and confidence among the people concerned so that the world will know peace and security in the future.

Allegations Answered

Gen. Marshall's speech today, answering the allegations of "imperialism" against the United States, was simed directly at the Big Three Foreign Ministers talk in Paris, according to the view of informed quarters hère.

It was considered significant that Gen. Marshall had originally intended to make an informal aix-therecord address to the Women's Na-tional Press Club and only changed his plan this morning.

His speech was written after he had gone through the voluminous cables reporting the situation result-

It reflected his anger at the recent Soviet press attacks Dr Leontitch, the Yugoslav Am- motives behind his plan for the to have been the querulous and In an interview, he claimed that obstructionist tenor of the Soviet

flights had taken place six times in Foreign Minister's comments. two days and could not be attributed His speech coincided with the reliable reports that Gen. Marshall and the United States Government tention to other incidents, which are fully prepared to back Britain have occurred both recently and in and France if they decide to it the past, all along the Yugoslav- alone," following a final breakdown in the Paris talks.-Reuter.

FOOD FOR **BRITAIN**

(Continued from Page 1) way of a successful conclusion to

Answering Opposition charges of mismanagement and lack of foresight Mr Strachey defended his policy of bulk buying and autlined its benefits in the case of Canada and the Argentine.

He reaffirmed the Government attitude that controlled food distribution had resulted in an improvement of the population; and rejected flatly any Opposition suggestion that the calory average was far too low.

THREE-YEAR CONTRACT

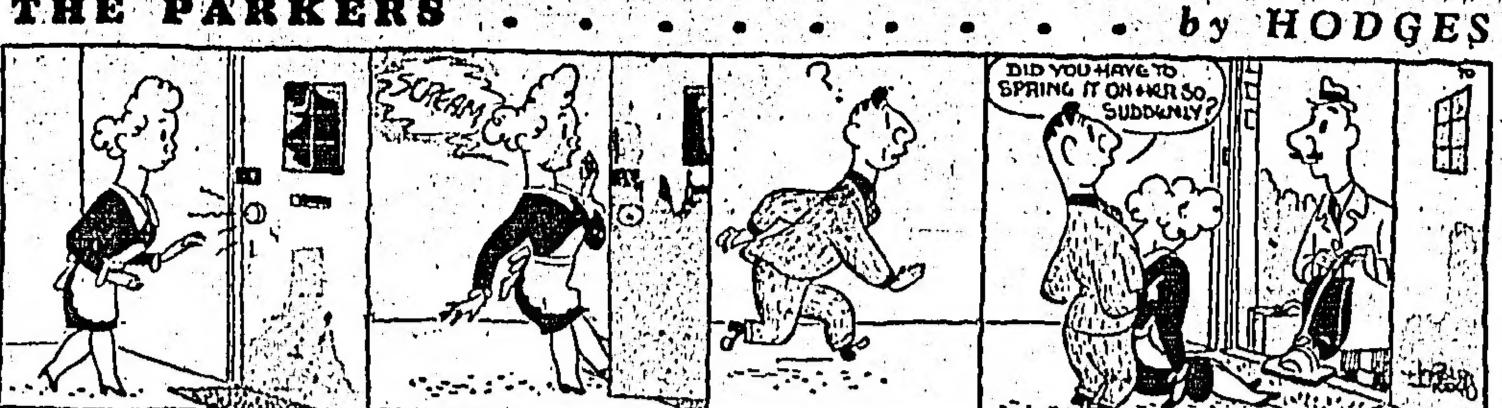
next few months of an agreement with Yugoslavia for the supply of eggs and bacon, Mr Strachey said that the proposed three-year contract with Hungary had been approved in principle by the Hungarian Supreme Economic Council during a recent visit of Food Ministry officials to

It was expected that a Hungarian delegation would come to Great Britain next month to work out details of specific quantities and prices.

If an agreement was reached with Yugoslavia—and it might be only a matter of weeks—the result would be "appreciable quantities" of foodstuffs which Britain most needed. There was, he relterated, no food

crisis in Britain, and there would be none between now and the next harvest. Britain had stocks perfectly sufficient of major foodstuffs to
see her through until the foults of downpour than yesterday serted streets, all with headlights the 1947 northern hemisphere har- morning. vest were gathered.

be charged to procure not only groundnuts but any foodstuffs which lend themselves to largescale mechanised production. Mr Stratchey referred to the possibility of stimulating food production by direct possibility at the possibility.



indonesians Prepare To Mobilise

Batavia, July 1. The Indonesian Republican Army commander at Jogjakarta of all civil and departmental motor vehicles in the city tomorrow in preparation for their

This news came at the same time as reports, announced by the Indo-Republican Radio at Jogjakarta tonight, that the four political leaders charged by Dr Sockarno, the President of the Indonesinn Republican, with the formation of a Coalition Cabinet had been unable to do so and had returned the

Dr Sockarno will announce his further decision torhorrow, it was

The four leaders are Dr Amir Sjarifuddin (Left Wing group), Dr Mohamed Sukiman (Indenesian Moslem Party), Mr K. A. Gani (Nationalist), and Mr Sitiadit (Indonesian Labour Party).

The radio announcement caused a surprise, as it had been stated earlier this evening that the new Cabinet would be direlosed tonight.

The failure to form a new Govern ment has heightened the crisis in Dutch-Indenesian relations, as Dutch authorities are expecting reply by mid-day tomorrow to the latest note which Dr. Hubertus Van Mook, Dutch Lieutenant Governor General, handed to the Republican Government on Sunday.

Jogialcanta Radio added that the Republicans were continuing defence preparations, and travel from the Indonesian hendquarters of Jegiakarta to Batavia has been forbidden

EUROPE NEAR TO NEW WAR

London, July 1. Europe has for some months been very near to another war, said Lord Queensborough, President of the Royal Society of St George, in a message to members of the Society today. "Broadly speaking," Lord Queensberough said, "the Russian demarche in Europe has been very familiar to that of Hitler in the 1930's. Country after country has been brought under control, either overt or covert. Russia, working diplomatically on interior lines, has advanced Bolthevism while the non-Communistic notions have endcavoured (to use a military metaphor) to contain her, as President Truman strove to do in in the nutrition of the lower levels his approach to Greece and Turkey. "In a continent war-shattered and wanting the very primary necessities of a stable life, the clash between Communism and enti-Communism must be almost inevitable. What the Marshall offer promises, if Announcing the agreement with it is whole-heartedly accepted and Hungary and possibility within the applied, is a restoration of economic plability for a sufficient time to enable the restless and anxious at night and was always greasy and populations to recover their composure and reshape their political constitutions."-Reuter.

Convicted Palestine Terrorists To Die

London, July 2. The British Government has rejected a move by the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine to halt the execution of three Irgun Zvai Leumi members convicted of terrorism.

A Foreign Office announcement also said the Government regarded the United Nations General Assembly of May 15, calling for an end to all violence in Palestine, as having no bearing on "the normal processes of the administration of justice."

Both decisions, the Foreign Office said, were contained in a note handed to Dr Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations in New York .- Associated Press,

Szepingkai Battle Said Fiercest Since Shanghai

BY JOHN RODERICK

Szepingkai, July 2. The Chinese Communists delivered a crippling blow to the government's Manchurian forces in the past month of battling for Szepingkai. This city, about half way between Changehun, the Manchurian capital, and Mukden, is now a collection of smouldering debris over which hangs the acrid smell of charred ruins and the sickening, sweet odour of death.

hours after the Communists tough Hunanese who led his troops pulled out—the first foreign correspondent to enter the pummelled city. Taking Chinese transport in company Chinese reporters, I rede through almost indescribable ruin and rubble to the headquarters of General Chen Mingzen, Commander of the outnumbered 71st Army, in the Middle School of the Victorian Athelis Teaching Society, Canadian mission, all of whose personnel escaped unhurt.

How seriously the Nationalists suffered under the maddeningly persistent pounding of the Communist regulars, particularly during the past 17 days, probably will re-

Comics Before His Wife

Des Moines, July 2. A 19-year-old British war bride from London won a divorce here en Tuesday after testifying that her husband's passion for comic books and tinkering with his car had been the cause of fights between them. came from Swinton Street, King's Cross, London, to marry Gene Pearson, aged 21, on January 1.

Mrs. Pearson, in a cross petition, charged that her husband was guilty of cruel, inhuman treatment in that he failed to support her and lob. had beaten her three times since their marriage.

Her husband is employed as a lathe operator, but she said he "didn't work very much."

read those comic books for hours Rome. at night and was always greasy and An Inquiry has been ordered by Weather Report: 10.11 Music for Dancing; messing around and spending money the Army and Navy.—United Press, 10.45 "Twilight Melodies"; 11 Close down. on that car", she said.-Associated

I arrived in Szepingkai 24, main a military secret. Chen, a against the Japanese in Burma, said this is by far the worst experience he has undergone. He described last year's battle for Szepingkal as "a curtain raiser" by comparison.

> He estimated the battle for Szepingkai would rank second in fercelty of fighting only to the battle for Shanghai in the early days of the Sino-Japanese war.

> Chen furnished an inkling of the size of the 71st. Army's losses when he said that only one battalion remains of the 88th. Division. It was this division that held the Central Bank building and municipal offices in the face of murderous fire during the past few days after the Communists fought into the city. That is about 400 human beings still alive. The day before 7,000 answered roll

Pressed for more exact flaures on the government's overall casaulties, Chen said he could say only that they were brave men. Where once there were battallons, now only handfuls remain".—Associated Press.

EXPLOSION KILLS SIXTY

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by the continuing series of minor explosions and flames which swept the small ship. The Panigagila had left Pantelleria

She is Mrs. Phyllis Pearson, who on June 21 with its salvage cargo for the munitions depot at Monte frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12:30 to Pescali. The ship had been anchor—
ed at a safe distance from the port from 12:30 to 1.15, 7:30 to 8:30 and 9:15 of Santo Stefano as a security to 11 p.m. measure to protect the port popula-

Vietlan, and the deputy chief of the A Talk by His Grace the Archbishop of Navy's general stag, Adm. Pecori, Canterbury: 8 London Relay: World were among the first to reach the News; 8.10 London Relay: Home News were among the first to reach the scene to direct rescue operations. Music" Classical Request Programme "He never went out with other Doctors and first aid units were presented by Marion Glover; 9.15 A girls or anything like that, but he rushed from Leghorn as well as

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ques (Sea) Noon. Shanghai (Sea) Noon. Canton (Train) 1.30 p.m.

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Sydney and Auckland (Air) 3.30 p.m.

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and Shanghai (Air) 3.30 p.m.

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Basra, Cairp, Johannesburg, Augusta,

Marseilles and London (Air) 3.30 p.m.

Yugoslavs Demand Carinthia

London, July 1. A well-informed diplomatic source said today that Marshal Josef Tito had refused any undertakings at present on the Austro-Yugoslav border.

The question of Carinthia was discussed between him and the British Air Minister, Mr Philip Noel-Baker, a fortnight ago. While Mr Noel-Baker's goodwill Mission was said to have been successful otherwise, Tito reportedly , was adamant regarding Carinthia.

Some uncasiness is felt in London at the Yugoslav attitude regarding Carinthia, since the semi-official Yugoslav propaganda campaign for "Slovene Carinthia" was stepped up recently. The Yugoslav Lawyers' Association has sent a cable to the United Nations General Secretariat demanding Carinthia's incorporation into Yugoslavia, while the Warsaw All-Slav Committee meeting adopted a statement to the same effect on Yugoslav insistence.

Diplomatic quarters said today that Yugoslavia's persistence is bound to complicate the situation in the Austro-Yugoslav border area and increase the responsibilities of British troops in charge of order and security there.--- United Press.

Letters The Editor

A Dominion

Sir,-I read with interest and some considerable alarm editorial on Canada's Birthday. I note that "Canada is not simply the first dominion; it is the only single dominion within the British Commonwealth of Nations".

I have always been given to

understand that New Zealand was a dominion, self-governing and rather proud of its status. We also had just a little to do with the recent unpleasantness and were rather proud to be listed among the dominions which came to the

aid of the Mother Country. I should be glad if you would inform me when New Zealand ceased to be a dominion. ENZED.

[The correspondent is correct and the editorial writer is duly reprimanded for his mental lapse. The correspondent can remain assured that no reflection on the noble status of New Zealand was intended. -Ed. H.K. Telegraph.]

ZBW Hongkong broadcasting on

6 Studio: Children's Half-Hour: 6.30 tion. It had recently been over- Norman Cloutier and His Orchestra; 5.55 An Edward German Programme; 7.30 hauled and refitted for the hazardous Studio: Recital by Emilio Salonga (Alto. The commander of the Marine paniment by Hermie Milanes; 7.45 Studio: than 4 p.m.

Transport Section of the Italian army base at La Spezzia, Adm. Blackstand; 7.55, B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Why I believe in the Church"

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Rainstorm Gives Dramatic Touch To Saiwan Ceremony BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

With the exception of the | versed arms-looming and fading in heavy electrical storm of July, a veritable cloudburst and the wail 1926 when 21 inches of rain fell pressive than with that mighty acwithin 24 hours (the highest companiment of rushing waters. recording being four inches be- Yesterday's return journey to the tween 8 and 9 a.m.) I have city was indeed an unusual experi-

There was no need for the British housewife to feel she would find it difficult or impossible to obtain partly at home and partly abroad the food she needed.

After announcing that one of two corporations for colonial development would be known as the Overseas Food Corporation, and would maddened waters.

Canada's national birthday will be rential downpour. So poor was visibility, that a number of vehicles came to a temporary stop in water well up to the axies.

A jeep was observed trying to push another out of a veritable whirlpool of water crashing down from the hillsides which yesterday were hillside and eddying across the street, colouring the harbour yellowishmaddened waters. Canada's national birthday will be rential downpour. So poor was

mechanised production, Mr Stracker of the possibility of stimulating food production by distimulating food production by disting food production by distinguished food prod

blazing and wavering through a tor-

Such a storm raged in the grim rear-lights of the car ahead which darkness as Hongkong slowly fell in created an almost cerie red glow—

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